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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims 1-15 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

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| 15) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 18) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1,5-10 and 15, drawn to a method and kit for detecting acetyltransferase activity in a peptide, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
 - II. Claims 2,5-10 and 15, drawn to a method and kit for screening a compound that inhibits or enhances the activity of acetyltransferase, classified in class 436 , subclass 501 .
 - III. Claims 3,5-10 and 15 drawn to a method and kit for detecting the deacetylase activity in a peptide, classified in class 436 subclass 513 .
 - IV. Claims 4-10 and 15 a method and kit of screening a compound that inhibits or enhances deacetylase activity peptide, classified in class 436, subclass 528.
 - V. Claim 11, drawn to a method for screening a compound that inhibits the deacetylase activity or a compound that enhances the activity or expression of acetyltransferase , classified in class 436, subclass 519.
 - VI. Claim 12 a method for screening a compound that inhibits the deacetylase activity of histone, classified in class 436, subclass 63.
 - VII. Claims 13&14, drawn to a natural isolable compound , classified in class 252, subclass 700.

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2. Inventions I - VII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are methods for detection. Group I is a method for detecting acetyltransferase activity comprising a peptide substrate, group II is a method for screening a compound that inhibits or enhances the activity of acetyltransferase comprising test compound and a peptide substrate, group III is a method for detecting deacetylase activity in a test peptide comprising an acetylated peptide substrate. Group IV is a method for screening a compound that inhibits or enhances the deacetylase activity comprising contacting an acetylated peptide substrate and a test compound , group V is a screening method comprising immobilized cultured cells, and group VI is a screening method comprising cultured cells carrying a vector comprising a promotor that functions within the cell, and group VII is a natural isolable compound. The different inventions have a different mode of operation, different function and different effect from each other and therefore are patentably distinct.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for one Group is not required for another Group, and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classifications, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

5. A telephone call was made to Mr. Peter Corless on February 13 2001 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terri L Ivory - McCaa whose telephone number is 703-605-1207. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V Le can be reached on 703-305-3399. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4242 for regular communications and 703-308-4242 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.

Terri McCaa
Patent Examiner
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